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SUMMARY: ZAIRIAN AIR ATTACKS ON ZAMBIA WERE HEADLINE IN BOTH
ZAMBIAN DAILIES APRIL 13. ACCOUNT OF ATTACKS WAS BASED
ON STATE HOUSE STATEMENT WHICH NOTED PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD
SENT A NOTE TO MOBUTU ABOUT INCIDENTS. ARTICLES GIVE RESUMES
OF FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN THE SHABA SITUATION END SUMMARY.

1. STATE HOUSE EVENING OF APRIL 12 RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT DESCRIBING ZAIRIAN AIR ATTACKS ON ZAMBIA. "A STATE HOUSE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1977 AT ABOUT 1645 HOURS, TWO ZAIRE JET BOMBERS VIOLATED THE ZAMBIAN TERRITORY AND BOMBED A ZAMBIAN VILLAGE BY THE NAME OF SHINGAM-FUNJI MANGANGO IN CHIEF IKELANGE S AREA. AND ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1977 AT ABOUT 1230 HOURS ANOTHER TWO ZAIRE JET BOMBERS DROPPED SEVERAL BOMBS AT KALENI HILL MISSION HOSPITAL RESULTING IN INJURIES OF HOSPITAL STAFF AND DAMAGE TO PROERTY. SEVERAL BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON MONDAY IN CHIEF NYAKASEYA S AREA. A TEAM OF DEFENDE AND SECURITY OFFICERS IS IN THE AREA TO ASSESS THE DANAGE AND THE GENERAL SITUATION."

2. STATE HOUSE SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU INFORMING HIM OF THE GRAVE INCIDENTS.

3. BOTH LENGTHY ARTICLES NOTE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ZAMBIA HAS BEEN BOMBED AN INDEPENDENCE AFRICAN STATE ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN ATTACKED PREVIOUSLY BY THE "RACIST REGIMES OF IAN SMITH AND JOHN VORSTER." THE BALANCE OF THE ARTICLES ARE DEVOTED TO BACKGROUND ON THE SHABA SITUATION, ALLEGATIONS OF CUBAN AND SOVIET INVOLVEMENT AND ACTION TAKEN BY OTHER COUNTRIES TO ASSIST ZAIRE. THE DESPATCH OF FRENH, BELGIAN AND U.S. MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING THE PRESENCE OF FRENCH TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, TO ZAIRE IS RECAPITULATED. ARTICLE NOTES THAT U.S. ASSISTANCE HAS NOT BEEN IN FORM OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION AND CITES U.S. OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK AS SAYING THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL U.S. SUPPLIES TO ZAIRE IS EXPECTED SOON.

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THE ARRIVAL OF MORROCAN TROOPS IS COVERED AS IS A PRESIDENT SADAT GERMAN TELEVISION STATEMENT THAT HE HOPED HIS COUNTRY COULD DO SOMETHING TO AID ZAIRE.

4. THE DAILY MAIL ACCOUNT MENTIONS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN BOSS HAS REFUSED TO COMMENT ON AMERICAN PRESS REPORT THAT A BOSS OFFICIAL HAS GONE TO KINSHASA TO NEGOTIATE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE. THE TIMES STORY COVERS AMBASSADOR YOUNG S STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. SHOULD NOT BECOME ALARMED BY COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN AFRICA AND THAT CUBANS PLAY A STABILIZING ROLE IN ANGOLA.

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